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Customer No. : 23911
Title : Wood-Based Decorative Article and Method of
Manufacturing the Same

STATUS REQUEST

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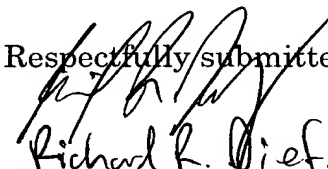
Sir:

Our records indicate that we have not received any further correspondence in reference to the above-identified application since September 17, 2004 when we filed a Reply. Please advise the undersigned of the status of the application.

It would be appreciated if the undersigned were telephoned in the event there are any questions related to this Request or the application in general.

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Respectfully submitted,


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